

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2005
From: Dean Ullock, On-Scene Coordinator

Subject: CEDARHILL OPS. UNIT OIL SPILL
Gilbertown, AL
Latitude: 31.8637
Longitude: -88.26027

POLREP No.:	2	Site #:	
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:		Response Authority:	OPA
Mob Date:	12/29/2004	Response Type:	Emergency
Completion Date:		NPL Status:	NPL
CERCLIS ID #:		Incident Category:	
RCRIS ID #:		Contract #	
FPN#		Reimbursable Account #	

Site Description

The Cedarhill Operating Unit oil field is a large, multi-well, production field located near Gilbertown, AL. This particular crude oil spill occurred sometime on or about 12/22/04. The cause of the spill has not been completely determined, but it is suspected that vegetative debris build up, associated with beaver dam construction caused stress to a 2 " flowline during a heavy rain event consequently causing the pipe to rupture.

A significant, yet undetermined amount of crude oil flowed overland into a very low, upland marsh area causing a great degree of difficulty for the 13 man clean up crew. Oil did reach an approximate stretch of 1.5 mi. of the "Little Mill Creek".

Most oil was confined within two flat marsh areas which were heavily oiled. Upon arrival, most standing oil had been recovered. The main activity concentrated on the recovery of heavily oiled organic material situated within log jams along the small creek.

Current Activities

Continued removal of oily organic material and oversight by the ADEM and OSC.

Planned Removal Actions

Periodic maintenance of sorbent boom and poly polishing boom.

Next Steps

OSC has requested a copy of the Operator's SPCC Plan.

ADEM to provide operator with long term monitoring guidance.